



Lessons Learned from Current ERCM (REMS) Grantees

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Los Angeles Unified School District

Overview

■ K-12 Schools	1,190
■ K-12 Enrollment	694,288
■ Employees	83,967
■ Budget	\$13.9 Billion
■ New Schools since 2000	67
■ Construction Budget	\$19 Billion
■ Serves the City of Los Angeles, 8 other cities and portions of 24 other municipalities.	



Operating Assumptions

- The last large earthquake was in 1994, so all students and many staff have no first hand experience.
- In LAUSD, we will hold and shelter our students until they can be reunited with a parent/guardian.
- District employees are hired with no emergency training other than First Aid/CPR.
- California Law designates all Public Employees as “Disaster Service Workers.”



Operating Assumptions

- High employee turnover rate.
- Highly unionized work force.
- High promotion rate - a lot of "First Timers."
- 70% of School Principals have less than 5 years at that position.
- Student Achievement, API scores and NCLB drive the agenda at schools.



What We Tell Schools

- Be prepared to be self-sufficient for 72 hours
 - All LAUSD Schools have:*
 - A three day supply of water
 - Search and Rescue Supplies
 - First Aid Supplies
 - Extra food in the cafeteria storeroom
- 911 will not be an option
- Parents will be hysterical
- Schools will be used as community shelters



Programs to Meet the Challenges

How did we use our grant from 2003?

- Created a standardized Safe School Plan.
 - Schools enter their ICS data online and it is merged into a SSP template. They then print the plan at their school.
- Produced training videos, made copies for the schools and posted them online.
- Conducted two district-wide emergency drills annually in addition to the regular fire and duck/cover/hold drills. Gathered drill data.



Programs to Meet the Challenges

How did we use our grant from 2003?

- Established a District EOC and trained an Emergency Management Council to use it.
- Partnered with other agencies.
 - City of Los Angeles
 - American Red Cross
 - USGS - Shakecast
 - LA Fire Department
 - LA Police Department
- Provided live training for all new teachers.



Programs to Meet the Challenges

How will we use our grant from 2007

- Expand the online Safe School Plan to include Prevention and Recovery
- Produce more training videos for schools
 - START
 - Search and Rescue
 - What Parents Need to Know About Emergencies at Schools



What succeeds

- Listen to the schools - find out what they feel they need.
- Use data to go after money and programs.
- Don't create a system that depends on one person.
- Make it easy for the schools to succeed.
- Post everything online so it can be accessed at any time.
- Leverage other people's/agencies' programs.

